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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: MANILA PUBLICITY ON SABAH

REF: (A) MANILA 5850; (B) MANILA 5763; (C) KUALA LUMPUR 2365

1. MANILA PRESS CONTINUES TO PLAY UP HOPEFUL DEVELOPMENTS IN SABAH. APRIL 30 BULLETIN TODAY CARRIES AFP STORY ON SABAH CHIEF MINISTER TUAN MOHAMED FUAD'S REMARKS IN KUALA LUMPUR PREVIOUS DAY UNDER HEADLINE "30,000 FILIPINOS IN SABAH STATE RESETTLED SOON." ACCORDING STORY, FUAD MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) FILIPINO (MUSLIM) REFUGEES WOULD BE PROVIDED PROPER EMPLOYMENT (IN SABAH) IF POSSIBLE; (B) THOSE WHO WISHES TO LEAVE THE STATE COULD DO SO AND SABAH GOVERNMENT WOULD PERSUADE THE PHILIPPINES TO ACCEPT THEM WITHOUT PREJUDICE; (C) REPATRIATION ISSUE MIGHT HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP BY GOM THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS; AND (D) FUAD WISHES TO ASSURE PHILIPPINES

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THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN AFFAIRS

OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN ANY WAY.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE OPTIMISTIC PRESS REPORTS,  
PRESIDENT MARCOS IS AWARE THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT  
NEW SABAH CM MAY SAY, MUSTAPHA'S GRIP ON SABAH MUSLIM  
COMMUNITY IS LIKELY TO REMAIN STRONG (REF A). WE  
WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MALAYSIANS TO SEE IF, IN  
FACT, THEY RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO RAISE REPATRIATION  
ISSUE, AS FUAD REPORTEDLY SUGGESTED.  
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